Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Don't take shelter under such excuses. The Hon'ble Law Member was taking shelter under the fact that our Criminal Procedure Code does not contain provision similar to section 491 of the Criminal Procedure Code of British India and hence the position of the executive Government of Cochin, that our High Court has not got the power. Very good. May I further enquire whether the last amendment of the Criminal Procedure was not made prior to the constitution of our present High Court.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Yes. The Code was amended when it was the Chief Court.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Will the House be right in thinking that when the Criminal Procedure Code was amended last, ours was only a Chief Court.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Yes.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* The High Court was constituted in 1113 Mithunam. Have you ever thought of amending the existing Criminal Procedure Code according to the British Indian Procedure Code, incorporating section 491, thereby recognising the status of our High Court.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* Even at the time of the revision of the Criminal Procedure Code, the question was considered whether section 491 was necessary, and it was thought it was not necessary.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir, now that the Chief Court has been raised to a High Court, whether it is not necessary to further amend the Procedure Code.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Sir, we have already gone 10 minutes after the question time and there are many Bills to be gone through.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Is it the position of the Government that these powers need not be possessed by the Hon'ble High Court.

Mr. President: Non-official bills shall be taken up now.

At this stage, the President left the Chair and the Deputy President presided.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I know, Sir.....

Deputy President: The question time is over.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* May I point out, Sir, that there is a precedent that when a question is being tackled, even if the time for the question is over, it can be finished.

Deputy President: I can't extend the time now. The Diwan President before leaving had already said that non-official bills would be taken up for discussion.

ARABIC LECTURER

*157. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have noted the last article on the last page of the Malabar Mail dated 18th June 1943 under the caption in Malayalam "Arabic Pandit affair";

(*b*) if so, whether Government has noted the hardship of the Muslims who have passed S.S.L.C. or even Intermediate in continuing the study of that language;

(*c*) have Government or the Director of Public Instruction received any representation from the leading Muslims in the State in connection with the appointment of an Arabic Lecturer?

Rao Sahib I. N. Menon *(Director of Public Instruction):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

TAMIL AS 2ND LANGUAGE IN THE MAHARAJA'S COLLEGE

158. **Mr. T. S. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Chittur-Tattamangalam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) are there facilities of study in the Maharaja's College for students wishing to take up Tamil as their II language in the Intermediate and B.A.;

(*b*) if not why not;

*Questions Nos. 157—193.—Answers to these questions were printed and placed on the tablet but supplementaries were not allowed to be put, since the question time was over.

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